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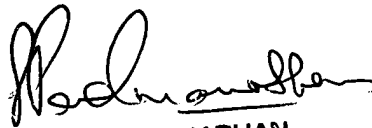
## INTERFERENCE

Allowable claim 2 or claim 3 or claim 4 or claim 5 of the application is considered to be the count for the purpose of an interference (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) with claim 1 of U.S. Patent 6,689,346.

Claim(s) 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15 of the application are considered unpatentable over this count.

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